



# Aldryngton School PTA

Supporting your child's education

Registered Charity: no 1026094

## PTA News

## Sep 2021

### Welcome to Academic Year 2021-2022!

AGM

**AGM Meeting Thursday 7th October.** All parents and carers of

children at Aldryngton are members of the PTA. At the Annual General Meeting we will review the events and fundraising during the 20/21 academic year, discuss our plans for 21/22, elect Officers and fill all other roles. Please see page 3 for the officer roles that will be vacant. Please come along and find out what the PTA does.

**New PTA Website:** Alongside, the new school website, the PTA also has a new website:

<http://aldryngtonpta.com/>

(there is a link on the school website under the community section).

If anyone has any experience with websites and would like to help spruce up the pages, please let the PTA committee know.

#### School Funding Partnership

During the last academic year, the PTA has provided funding for items that support the pupils education and treats for the children, such as:

- Digital News online subscription
- iPads
- Picnic tables
- Xmas Panto in school
- Year 6 Leavers autograph books and party food

#### Second Hand Uniform sale on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The PTA have a stock of used uniform which is sold to raise funds. The sale will be in the pavilion on the school field, to give space for social distancing. We are accepting donations of clean and good condition school uniform.

Please feel free to drop off on Tuesday



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afternoon at the sale.

Thank you to all those parents who have donated in recent days.

Please Note!

An amendment to point 1.4 of our constitution

was proposed and approved at the AGM in Oct 2020, this was to amend the number of elected trustee positions to a minimum of 3 members elected to the position of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. There are some additional sections of the constitution, 5.8.3, 6.1, 6.2.1 and 14.1, that also require updating to ensure the wording is consistent within the document. A vote will take place at the next AGM on 7th Oct 2021.



SWIM | BIKE | RUN

With the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, the PTA are excited to announce the (slightly delayed) 2021 Try-a-tri. The event is open to all Aldryngton Pupils from Foundation to Year 6.

Try-a-Tri, will be on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.

Pupils are invited to team up with two of their friends and take part in a mini-triathlon. Each member of the three person team will either take part in a swimming, cycling or running race. The winning team will complete all three sections of the race in the shortest time.

More details of how to sign up will be sent on Wednesday 8th September, with **entries closing on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

This summer the Try-a-tri had to be postponed, so an invitation was offered to the former Year 6 pupils to join with their friends and take part in the Aldryngton Try-a-tri for the last time, as they

missed the opportunity to take part in the past two years of upper school due to restrictions in place.

### Parent Volunteers

Without your support, we will not be able to run an enjoyable event for all the children. If you are able and willing to join the event, please email [tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com)

Volunteer Roles Needed for the Try-a-Tri on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup> 2021:

Registration Lower School  
Registration Middle School  
Registration Upper School

Timing Assistants (liaising with registrations and race timekeepers)

Swim – Lifeguard  
Swim – Assistants  
Swim – Timekeepers

Cycle - Assistants  
Cycle - Marshalls on track  
Cycle - Marshalls at entry / exit of cycle transition  
Cycle - Timekeepers  
Cycle - Bike safety checks

Run - Assistant  
Run - Marshalls on track

Run - Marshalls at entry / exit of run

Run - Timekeepers

### Refreshments

Bar and snacks lead  
Bar and snacks assistants

Candyfloss assistants

BBQ & drinks lead  
BBQ & drinks assistants

Catering front of house

### Safety

First Aider #1 (current first aid certification required)  
First Aider #2

### Queries:

Please may we remind you that the Try-a-Tri is a PTA event and therefore teaching staff and office staff are not involved with the organisation. Teachers will not be able to help your child find team mates and office staff cannot help with entering your child or answer questions about the event. Everything you need to know about the Try-a-Tri can be found on the school website under PTA, there you will find a Try-a-Tri page or if you have any queries please contact [tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com](mailto:tryatri@aldryngtonpta.com).



## We need you in the PTA!

At the next PTA AGM we will be saying a big **thank you and farewell** to our current Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Which means there are positions on the committee open.

The PTA requires at least three members on the committee and cannot continue unless we fill the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. We have a fourth officer position of Vice-Chair which has been an important support.

All Officer positions have been successful job shares in recent years and we'd like this to continue. So, if you are interested in joining the PTA committee, please consider putting your name forward. There are a team of families who regularly volunteer to organise events throughout the year and will be available to support the new committee. Below is a description of the roles in the PTA Committee that are open

### Chair/Co-Chair

- Involved in making key decisions in regard to the committee
- Chair committee meetings
- Liaise with School and PTA for fundraising events
- Participate in fundraising events (Christmas, Summer fairs & where necessary)
- Generate Annual PTA Report

### Vice Chair/Co-vice Chair

- Assist in making key decisions in regard to the committee
- Liaise with School and PTA for fundraising events
- Attend committee meetings
- Participate in fundraising events (Christmas, Summer fairs & where necessary)

### Secretary/Co-Secretary

- Circulate agenda for committee meetings
- Capture & share minutes of meetings for all committee meetings
- Participate in fundraising events (Christmas, Summer fairs & where necessary)
- Take care of Yearly licenses (when required) and update Charity Commission on annual basis

Please email PTA Officers to find out more [ptaofficers@alryngtonpta.com](mailto:ptaofficers@alryngtonpta.com)



## Match Funding

Hundreds of organisations in the UK offer their employees the chance to boost individual fundraising efforts by 'matching' the money raised for their chosen charity.

We already benefit from match funding arranged by a few of our parents through their employers including Thames Water, Vodafone, Microsoft and Sky.

If you work for a company that could offer match-funding, please make yourself known to us. If you're not sure if your employer offers a match funding scheme please contact your HR department.

**For more information please email the PTA**



If you have any spare foreign currency at home, please keep it and donate it to the PTA when we are able to take collections again. The PTA are collecting anything that is or was once money and we will turn your old or unwanted money into a valuable donation. We are collecting all foreign currency new and old including old British coins and notes. When we are able to collect again, the collection bucket will be situated in the school office foyer.



There are thousands of retailers including Amazon and all the usual High Street shops who donate a percentage of your online shop to your chosen charity. It's simple to register then all you have to do is set Aldryngton PTA as your chosen Charity. Then every time you shop online via the Easyfundraising page you will be raising money for our school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/aldryngtonpta/>



Another way for us to earn commission from online shopping is with Amazon via Amazon Smile. Log on to [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) and select Aldryngton County Primary School PTA as your chosen charity. The PTA will automatically receive 0.5% of the net purchase price. Remember, always start at [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) for your purchases to qualify.

We all know how important it is to ensure our child's possessions are named. When buying labels for school uniform and other personal items, please use one of the following schemes. In doing so you will help raise free funds for our school.



[www.easy2name.com](http://www.easy2name.com) will give us a 20% commission on all orders. Quote Aldryngton School PTA RG6 at checkout.



[www.stamptastic.co.uk](http://www.stamptastic.co.uk) you can buy a personalised stamp usable on most fabrics, metal & some plastics. No more sewing or ironing on labels. StampTastic offer up to 25% commission on orders. Just use our PTA Code RG67HR at the checkout.



There is a facebook closed group for parents with a child at Aldryngton for:

- Requesting and Sharing information
- Tips & Advice on all things school & community related.
- Socialising with other parents.

If you would like to join please locate the group and request to join. The name is: **Parents of Aldryngton Primary School Reading.**